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SUBJECT: SPECIAL ELECTION - AMERICAN SAMOA

DOTA NO. 098-AS

FOR SPECIAL ELECTION COMMISSIONER MALLON. REUR GAS 083 AND 084. ON BALLOT ESSENTIAL THAT YOU USE EXACT WORDING AS FOUND IN CONGRESSMAN BURTON'S BILL WHICH PASSED HOUSE ON JULY 20. WORDING IS QUOTE DO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA WANT AN ELECTED GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR? UNQUOTE REF YOUR OTHER QUESTIONS RE FUNDING WE ANTICIPATE THAT FUNDING FROM U.S. CONGRESS WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE ON BASIS OF NEED AS DEMONSTRATED BY ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION THROUGH DEPT OF INTERIOR AND JUSTIFIED BY AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND INTERIOR OFFICIALS BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. RE QUALIFICATIONS FOR FUTURE GOVERNOR CANDIDATE SHOULD PLEBISCITE BE AFFIRMATIVE THE QUALIFICATIONS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN FORM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH MUST BE APPROVED BY SECRETARY OF INTERIOR SHOULD THE U.S. CONGRESS LEGISLATE ON THIS MATTER THEN ITS ACTION WOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER LOCAL LEGISLATURE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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YOUR PROMPT AND EXCELLENT FIRST REPORT ON INITIAL EFFORTS

GREATLY APPRECIATED. ADVISE ALSO WHETHER YOU HAVE MAIL-
ING ADDRESS OTHER THAN CARE OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.
ACTING DOTA RICE SENDS.

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